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1. The Soviet border road in the Serakhs area (36-31N, 61-13E) was built by Soviet soldiers. It is not asphalted and is very rough and uneven. This road is very similar to the Mazdaran-Sarakhs road on the other side of the border in Iran. The roads from Mary (37-33N, 61-52E) and from Tedzhen (37-23N, 60-31E) join this border road, which runs parallel to the border strip. These roads also are not asphalted; they are ordinary rough roads.
2. In the watch towers along the border strip in this area there is only one bright, luminous lamp, which is probably lighted by battery or dynamo.
3. The Soviets have constructed an underground shelter under the single hill, Khomeyn-Tapeh, where No. 13 landmark is located (in the direction of Soviet territory). [redacted] a jeep and a truck secretly enter the shelter and come out again. Soldiers also live in the shelter. In the space between landmark No. 13 and landmark No. 14 there are two underground shelters with approximately four or five soldiers in each shelter. 50X1-HUM
4. During a two-hour journey along the border road, no travelers or other human beings were observed; only government trucks, most of them old and worn out, were seen. A strange tranquility and silence dominated the whole region, especially around Serakhs [redacted] 50X1-HUM
5. Land in the area is not cultivated; the entire region is covered with trees and bushes called "gaz".
6. There is no running water available in the area. Windmills are used to pump water from wells and this water is kept in special containers and in special places.
7. The airfield at Soviet Serakhs is located in the northern part of the town. Although it has been assumed that the airfield is paved, it is not, nor is it asphalted. It is possible, however, for two- or three-engined planes to land there.

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8. In October 1950, Col. Shapvalov, Soviet border commissar in Serakhs, was in the hospital in Tashkent, presumably because of illness. His assistant, Maj. Chomak (possibly Chumak), was officer in charge.

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